

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Houlbrook, Kenneth

Art Unit: Unknown

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Title: METHOD TO ERADICATE  
MITES AND TO DENATURE  
THEIR ALLERGENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in conjunction with Applicant's new utility application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 18.

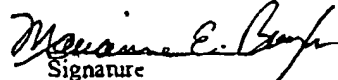
8. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the steam treatment process comprises injecting steam into the textile articles while [garments whilst] they are being tumbled.

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I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being:  
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